

6. (original) The connection component as claimed in claim 1, wherein said dielectric element is a flexible dielectric sheet.

7. (original) The connection component as claimed in claim 1, further comprising conductive traces overlying the second surface of said dielectric element, said conductive traces being electrically interconnected with said conductive vias.

8. (original) The connection component as claimed in claim 1, wherein said vias extend in a direction that intersects planes defined by the first and second surfaces of said dielectric element.

9. (original) The connection component as claimed in claim 1, wherein said conductive vias comprise a conductive metal.

10. (original) The connection component as claimed in claim 1, wherein said conductive vias are covered by a conductive polymer.

11. (new) A connection component comprising:
a dielectric element having a first surface and a second surface;

a conductive pad having a center on the first surface of the dielectric element;

a conductive via electrically connected to the conductive pad and extending toward the second surface of the dielectric element, wherein the via has an opening at the conductive pad and is offset from the center thereof; and

a fusible mass in contact with the conductive pad, wherein said fusible mass does not completely obstruct said via opening so that said via opening is at least partially exposed.

12. (new) The connection component as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a flux material in contact with said fusible mass.

13. (new) The connection component as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a flux material in contact with said conductive pad.